

REMARKS

Original claims 1 – 17 and new claims 41 – 53 are pending for consideration on the merits, and claims 18 – 40 stand withdrawn.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1 – 17. This election is being made without traverse.

New claims 41 – 53 are dependent ultimately from claim 1, and read on the elected invention. These claims comprise further embodiments of the invention, and find basis essentially in the disclosure herein that the micropropagation can be used in conjunction with further growth, or macropropagation, of the plantlets. No new matter is introduced hereby.

A petition for extension of time (two months) accompanies this response. In addition, Applicants are submitting herewith the fee of \$117 for the additional claims presented.

Prompt consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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